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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Darwin J. Prockop et al.  
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For : STROMAL CELL USE

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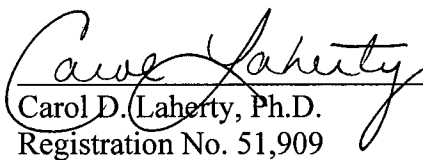
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2007 and further to the Notice of Appeal filed October 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully traverse all remaining bases of rejection. Without acquiescence to any outstanding basis of rejection, Applicants have elected to continue prosecution related to the instant application in a continuation application, which is being filed concurrently with this reply.

Respectfully submitted,  
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